

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE
CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2004 IN THE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 1327 FOOTHILL BLVD.
LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE, CALIFORNIA**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Portantino called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Councilmembers present were Gregory Brown, Stephen Del Guercio, David Spence, and Anthony Portantino. Mayor Olhasso was absent.

Staff members present were City Manager Alexander; City Attorney Steres; Director of Public Works Castellanos; Director of Community Development Stanley; and City Clerk Wahlsten.

Moment of Silence

Mayor Pro Tem Portantino asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mayor Olhasso's mother who passed away recently and extended condolences to Mayor Olhasso and her family.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by former Emergency Services Coordinator Andrew Pachon.

4. Comments from the Public

The following persons were present wishing to speak:

Elizabeth Georgeon, Olive Lane, commended the City for the Alta Canyon signal configuration. She expressed concern regarding insulation from overhead wires that was dislodged when trees were removed at the corner of Angeles Crest Highway and Olive Lane. The insulation is still hanging. She also asked about traffic control on Alta Canyon during the sewer construction, specifically if at least one lane of traffic could be kept open during the construction. Director of Public Works Castellanos said it will be difficult because Alta Canyon is very narrow and the sewer will go down the center of the street. There will be detours during the day, but the road will be open after the work is done each day.

James Short, Journey's End, property owner in Sewer Area 3B, stated he was assaulted by an employee of Ken Thompson, the sewer contractor, on September 10 when he was photographing some sewer manhole adjustments on La Cañada Blvd. He asked the City to notify the contractor that this was inappropriate. He also stated that he learned that there is no agreement with the City of Glendale or the City of Los Angeles regarding taking the sewage from Area 3A. He asked that the City repeal the Ordinance requiring sewer hook-up and make the hook-up optional. He submitted a newspaper article for the record.

Presentations

5. Certificate of Commendation for Mariah Grahm

Mayor Pro Tem Portantino presented a Certificate of Commendation to Mariah Grahm for her swift action in reporting the fire in La Cañada Canyon on September 1, 2004. Fire Chief Gil also thanked her.

6. Commendation for Uma Shrivastava, 2004 Corporate Businesswoman of the Year

Mayor Pro Tem Portantino presented a Proclamation honoring Ms. Shrivastava as a 2004 Corporate Businesswoman of the Year. She is a Senior Vice President Consumer Market Manager for the Bank of America. Ms. Shrivastava noted she and her family have been La Cañada Flintridge residents since 1991 and have enjoyed being involved in the community.

7. Public Safety Update – Fire Department

Battalion Chief Singer presented the August Fire Department report.

8. Presentation to Andrew Pachon, former Emergency Services Coordinator

Battalion Chief Singer presented Andrew Pachon with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Fire Department brush jacket on behalf of the Fire Department.

Andrea Terry, Chairperson of the Public Safety Commission, presented Andrew with a plaque and commended him for his expertise and professionalism and the great training he has given the community in emergency preparedness. She stated that Andrew has great personal integrity and goes above and beyond the call of duty. She wished him well as he starts his employment with the City of Torrance.

9. Southern California Edison re Reliability Improvement Program

Christine McLeod, Public Affairs Region Manager; Vincent Haydel, Metro Region Public Affairs Director; Gil Ayala, Metro East Construction and Maintenance Region Manager; and Scott Lacy, Metro East Lead Engineer, made a presentation regarding their infrastructure improvements in La Cañada Flintridge and Crescenta Valley. In 2003 they installed automatic switches, fault indicators, and new equipment. The area terrain, tree canopy, animals and large gated lots all continue to pose challenges for service however, their new reliability improvement project, including installation of a new circuit, will help reduce the frequency, duration, and scope of outages.

10. Chamber/City/Community joint website (www.lacanadaflintridge.com, www.lcf.ca.gov, and www.lacanadaflintridge.ca.gov)

City Clerk Wahlsten, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Anderson, and Dave Folz, reviewed the new joint website for the City Council. They noted this is a unique concept to have

everything regarding a community in one place. Councilmember Spence suggested this could be a presentation at the Contract Cities Association Conference next spring. City Manager Alexander stated the City will make an application for a Helen Putnam Award of Excellence from the League of California Cities based on this collaborative effort.

Consent Calendar

Regarding Item #16, Councilmember Spence noted that the ~~San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments~~ Air Quality Management District has funding available for other clean air projects and gave the information to staff. (Corrected by City Council action on October 4, 2004.)

Mayor Pro Tem Portantino requested the minutes of July 19, 2004 be corrected to indicate he had met with Congressman Dreier's staff.

Motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Spence, to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

11. Approval of Minutes of the City Council:
 - July 19, 2004 Regular Meeting
 - August 2, 2004 Special Meeting
 - August 2, 2004 Regular Meeting
12. Receive and file Commission Agendas
 - Design Commission Action Agenda from Meeting September 9, 2004
 - Planning Commission Action Agenda from Meeting September 14, 2004
 - Public Works Commission Agenda from Meeting September 15, 2004
13. Approval of Warrant Resolution No. 04-16
14. Resolution No. 04-46, entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge Establishing Salary Ranges."
15. Resolution No. 04-47, entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge Approving the 2004-05 Memoranda of Understanding with the La Cañada Flintridge Employees' Association Management and Miscellaneous Bargaining Units."
16. Resolution No. 04-48, entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for Grant Funds from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee/South Coast Air Quality Management District for the Purchase of an Alternative Fuel Bus."
17. Receive and file 2004 Conflict of Interest Biennial Notice stating "No amendment is required."

Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Olhasso absent.

Concluding Business

18. Councilmembers' Reports regarding regional and local representation

Councilmember Del Guercio stated he had attended the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting last week. They will support Proposition 1A and educate their members on the importance of this Proposition in protecting local government revenues.

Councilmember Brown stated he had attended a Contract Cities meeting today in preparation for a meeting on Wednesday with County Chief Administrative Officer David Janssen and the County Auditor regarding cities' funding their Sheriff's contracts.

Councilmember Spence stated the San Gabriel Valley COG is considering the issue of the tax that is paid to the County by the taxpayers of each community to support trauma centers. \$560,925 flows from La Cañada Flintridge to the County. The only trauma center in San Gabriel Valley is at Huntington Hospital which is convenient to us, but the eastern cities have no trauma center.

Councilmember Spence stated that the issue of representation is before the San Gabriel Valley COG. Currently it is one city, one vote, however some of the larger jurisdictions would prefer a proportional vote based on population.

Mayor Pro Tem Portantino noted he had attended a news conference sponsored by the League of California Cities regarding Proposition 1A. Governor Schwarzenegger is the honorary chairman of the Committee supporting the Proposition and there is no organized opposition.

19. Councilmembers' request for future agenda items

None

20. Councilmembers' comments

Mayor Pro Tem Portantino noted that the Youth Day in the Park is scheduled for October 2, 2004.

Mayor Pro Tem Portantino stated that the Community Band has a video of their performance at Music in the Park this summer and requested that it be shown on the government access channel. Since they are city-sponsored, it would qualify for broadcast.

21. City Manager and/or staff comments

City Manager Alexander noted that Mayor Pro Tem Portantino was elected President of the Mayors and Councilmembers Department of the League of California Cities at the annual conference last week.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Portantino adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m. in memory of Colleen Hall, Mayor Olhasso's mother.

Marjorie K. Wahlsten, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes approved by the City Council on October 4, 2004